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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



BUSINESS CORNER

City Ranks Second in Virginia for New Business Startup

The City of Fairfax ranked second among Virginia cities in which to launch a business, according to the financial information website NerdWallet.

A number of factors ranked the city so high against 112 other jurisdictions with a population of at least 5,000. NerdWallet estimated that the city has 25.3 businesses per 100 people and that the city's 4 percent unemployment rate is lower than the state average. Local businesses are served by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, which offers monthly networking events, educational workshops, marketing opportunities and leadership training.

Virginia's 4.8 percent unemployment rate is lower than the national average, NerdWallet observed, and the commonwealth created 193,000 jobs since the 2008 recession.

The average hourly earnings of private-sector workers have risen by 1.9 percent in the past year, outpacing a nationwide increase.

Virginia offers incentives for both start-ups and existing businesses and offers 6 percent corporate income tax rate (among the lowest in the nation).

Other Northern Virginia areas that made the top 10 include Tysons Corner (1), Falls Church (5), Vienna (7) and Merrifield (8).

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If you're new to the city, welcome!

Call 703-385-7800

for new resident information.

Fall Festival Set for October 10

The annual Fall Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 10 in Old Town Fairfax, with four stages of entertainment, amusement rides, and more than 400 fine artisans, food, and more lining the historic



streets. (Rain date is October 11.)

Juried fine artisans will sell handmade wares such as jewelry, ceramics, toys, woodcrafts, needlework and more. Admission to the festival is free, with fees for rides and some children's activities.

Entertainment and activities are planned for festival-goers of all ages — including amusement rides in the children's area open until 8 p.m. October 10.

Check out the open house at Fire Station 3, 4031 University Drive.

The All-American Lumberjack Show & Interactive Lumberjack Camp will feature professional lumberjack competitions (sponsored by JL Tree Service).

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Revised State Regulations Will Enhance Safety of 'Tank Farm' Located in City

Already one of the most regulated facilities in Virginia, the Pickett Road petroleum storage complex ("tank farm") will be subject to new regulations November 1 requiring upgrades to several above-ground tanks.

These regulations require storage tanks in the city be equipped with a release prevention system by 2021. This typically takes the form of a "double bottom."

Most of the tanks in the Fairfax facility already meet the proposed standard, and owners of the remaining tanks already had planned these upgrades.

City staff and representatives of civic associations near the tank farm participated

on the Regulatory Advisory Panel that drafted the revised regulations, which will be enforced by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The revised regulations were published in the Virginia Register and on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website (<http://town-hall.virginia.gov>) for public comment.

The rewrite of the storage tank regulations was prompted by legislation sponsored by Virginia Senator Chap Petersen (34th District) and Virginia Delegate David Bulova (37th District), following an October 2010 tank farm "summit" initiated by city leadership. *Information:* 703-385-7830.

City **NEWS** AND Notes

City Government Offices Open on Columbus Day

City government offices will be open on October 12, Columbus Day, and services will be provided as usual. However, General District Court will be closed; 703-385-7866.

ADDED: The Rockets Rock the Block October 23



There was too much fun to stop: the city has added another show to the Rock the Block series.

The Rockets will perform from 6-9 p.m. October 23 in Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive. Concert-goers should bring their own seating. Concerts are cancelled in case of inclement weather. *Information:* 703-385-7858.

During the concert, University Drive will be closed between Route 236/Main Street and North Street.

DMV Select Services End Early on October 6

On October 6, DMV-related services will end at 2 p.m. in the DMV Select Office in City Hall due to the installation of credit card machines for DMV service. However, city government-related services will be uninterrupted.

Regular DMV Select service is expected to resume at 8:30 a.m. October 7. *Information:* 703-385-7900.

DMV Select services are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays in City Hall, which include vehicle titles and registration, license plates and driver transcript requests. *(Please note: Drivers licenses and ID cards are not issued at City Hall.)*

Community & Senior Center Forum Held October 7, 8

Tell the Department of Parks and Recreation what you think of the use and functionality of the Green Acres Center at a Community & Senior Center Forum at 7 p.m. October 7 at Green Acres Center,

4401 Sideburn Road, and at 1 p.m. October 8 at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. *Information:* 703-385-7858.

Town-Gown Community Forum Set for October 10

City residents are invited to the Mason and Gentry Community Forum at 7:30 p.m. October 10 at the Addicks District Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. *Information:* 703-993-8846.

Kids Safety Saturday, Art of Driving Seminar Offered October 17

The City of Fairfax Police Department will offer two free safety education events for all ages from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. October 17 at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway. *Information:* 703-385-7925.



Kids Safety Saturday, held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will include a bicycle cone safety course taught by bicycle officers, bicycle mechanics overview, skateboarding and pedestrian awareness, and a moon bounce. Bicycle safety events are geared toward elementary- and middle school-aged cyclists.

At noon, Robin Thomson will present "The Art of Driving" to educate teens, parents and the community about unique risks faced by teen drivers. Registration is required for the presentation only: *Police. Information@fairfaxva.gov*, 703-385-7925.

Fairfax Water Holds Public Hearing December 17 on Proposed Rate Increases

Fairfax Water customers are invited to participate in a public hearing on proposed rate increases by Fairfax Water at 6:30 p.m. December 17 at Fairfax Water's main office, 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax.

The proposed rate revisions would be applied to meter readings on or after April 1, 2016 — and, if approved, would increase

the average quarterly household bill by \$3.42. Find information in the fall issue of *Straight from the Tap*, the Fairfax Water newsletter included with water bills.

Information: www.fairfaxwater.org, 703-698-5600.

City of Fairfax Among Top U.S. Cities for Female Entrepreneurs

Women entrepreneurs find the City of Fairfax one of the best cities in the nation in which to launch their business, according to data-science group GoodCall.

GoodCall ranked the City of Fairfax 52nd out of 405 U.S. cities evaluated on the metrics of core economic strength, business climate for women, professional networking potential and female education values.

EMS Council Recognizes Fire Captain for Excellence

City of Fairfax Fire Captain Greg Rauch was selected by the Northern Virginia EMS Council as the NOVA EMS Program Manager of the Year. The non-profit council assists in the planning and coordination of the region's emergency medical services. *Information:* 703-385-7940.



Donations Sought for Children's Coats via Operation Warm

The City of Fairfax Fire Department has partnered with City of Fairfax Schools Superintendent Peter Noonan and Fairfax City Firefighters Local 2702 as ambassadors in Operation Warm: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty.

City of Fairfax firefighters will go to each school to help personally fit each child with a new coat, and help each child to write their name in the interior tag which reads, "Made Just for You."

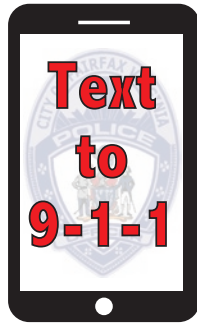
Financial donations are accepted at www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity and Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431; if paying by check, please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.

9-1-1 Accepts Emergency Texts

When you're unable to make a phone call, rely on 9-1-1 emergency texting. Fairfax emergency communication centers now accept "text to 9-1-1" messages.

This new method of emergency communication is provided as an alternative, when calling is difficult or not possible. The preferred method for emergency contact remains a phone call to 9-1-1 (voice/TTY).

The new "Text to 9-1-1" system accepts standard SMS text messages only: please enter 9-1-1 as the phone number and type the text message using plain language.



Photos and video are not accepted.

When texting for an emergency, please provide a call-back phone number and precise location, then explain the emergency.

Please do not text while driving. "Text To 9-1-1" is for emergency use only.

For non-emergency communication, please call the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7924 (TTY: 7-1-1, 703-359-2480).

There is no non-emergency text communication service.

Please be patient as this new service goes into effect.

Zoning Rewrite Effort Seeks Public Response; Outreach Meeting Scheduled for October 22

The City of Fairfax seeks public input on the Zoning Rewrite, the city's project to develop clear and user-friendly ordinances consistent with present-day plans and policies.

The City Council and the Planning Commission will review draft zoning and subdivision ordinances in October, as will other city boards and commissions.

The public is invited to offer input at a meeting at 7 p.m. October 22 at Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway. Comments also are accepted online; visit



the Zoning Rewrite draft document at www.zoningfairfax.com.

The zoning ordinance is important for both business and residential communities: it regulates how land and buildings may be used, how much parking is required, and how much space buildings can use. It also regulates landscaping, tree removal and signage. Additionally, the zoning ordinance includes provisions for the city's historic district and properties. Information: 703-385-7930, www.zoningfairfax.com, Twitter: @ZoningFairfax.

Vote November 3 In Three Easy Steps

Voters will notice some changes to the voting process when they take to the polls for the November 3 General Election. It's an easy three-step process. Information: 703-385-7890.

First, each voter will be asked to show an acceptable photo ID at check-in. Voters also must state their full names and addresses to the pollbook officer. Those who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID may obtain an ID from the General Registrar's Office that can be used for voting only.

Second, voters will be directed to ballot officers to receive the paper ballot, then proceed to a ballot marking station to mark the ballot in private (pens provided). Voters make their selections by filling in the rectangle next to the candidate's name — or, to cast a write-in vote, fill in the appropriate

rectangle and print the name in the write-in space provided.

Third, and finally, voters take their completed ballots to the scanner and insert them into the machine. (Don't forget to collect the "I Voted" sticker.)

Each voter is assigned a polling location where they may cast their ballots. Not sure where to vote? Check with the General Registrar's Office.



Public Hearing on Solid Waste Management Plan Scheduled for October 13

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the city's proposed solid waste management plan at its October 13 meeting that begins at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Annex. *Information:* 703-385-7816.

Don't Bag It! Leaf Collection Begins November 2

The City of Fairfax will offer curbside leaf collection November 2 through December 31. Information: 703-385-LEAF.

Please rake loose leaves to the curb. Do not bag them — bagged leaves will not be collected during curbside leaf collection because landfills will not accept them as trash.

Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles — but not stones, branches and other large items, which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood, so please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 23 for prompt collection. Crews circulate through neighborhoods at least once every two weeks, often more frequently. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents.

Sign up for leaf collection information on Fairfax City Alert, the city's electronic message alert system: www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.





Fall Festival

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Children will have their own activities: music, magic, animal shows and puppet shows.

Some roads near the festival will be closed to traffic during the event — please see road closure information below.

The Main Stage and the Country Stage will feature beer gardens and live music, while Old Town Hall features cultural performances throughout the day.



Look for the Woman's Club of Fairfax's annual ornament (*pictured, left*), this year featuring Old Town Square, for sale at the club's booth at the festival. Framed

pictures also are available.

Pick up a free shuttle from Fairfax High School (3501 Rebel Run) or George Mason University (4400 University Drive). Handicapped and bicycle parking will be available in the parking lots of City Hall, Main and East streets and adjacent to Fire Station 3. Information: www.FairfaxFallFestival.com, 703-385-7858. (*Photos by John Matthews and All-American Lumberjack Show*)

Traffic Detours in Effect During Fall Festival

The following street closures and traffic detours will be in effect from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. October 10 during the Fall Festival. (Festival rain date is October 11.) Information: 703-385-7924.

Route 236/Main Street — Closed West Street to East Street; traffic will be detoured to North Street.

University Drive — Closed North to School street; traffic detoured to Route 123/Chain Bridge Road via North Street.

Armstrong Street — Closed Route 123/Chain Bridge Road to Linden Street.

Personal Property Tax, Decal Payments Due October 5

Bills for personal property taxes and motor vehicle licenses (formerly known as “decal fee”) are due by October 5. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest.

To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report any changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

Bills may be paid in person — if so, please bring the entire bill. However, if no changes are needed, save time by paying by mail or via City Hall drop-boxes (check only).

Consider paying online through the city's website using a credit card (additional fee applied) or e-check (free service).

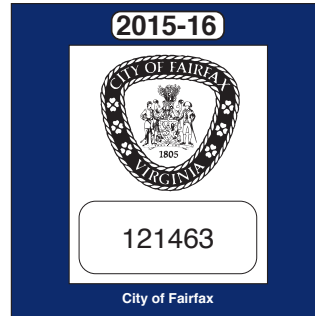
The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in

City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as from 5-7 p.m. Monday, October 5.

The 2015 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The Commonwealth will pay 49.04 percent of the tax for the first \$20,000 of a personal use vehicles assessed value. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Both the personal property *and* the motor vehicle license tax must be paid to receive the city decal (*pictured, above*).

Decals will be mailed October 19 and decal enforcement begins November 15. Decals must be displayed on all vehicles garaged in the city.

Information: 703-385-7900 (tax payments), 703-385-7880 (personal property tax/assessment information).



Two Popular Festivals to End the Year: Holiday Craft Show, Lights and Carols

Mark your calendar: the Holiday Craft Show and the Festival of Lights and Carols are on the horizon. *Information:* 703-385-7858.

The *Holiday Craft Show* will fill Fairfax High School with hundreds of crafters from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 21 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 22. Admission is \$5 each day for adults or \$8 for a two-day pass, free for children age 17 and younger. Shuttles will be available from 9:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. November 21 from Democracy Square, 10340 Democracy Square.

Ring in the holiday season December 5 at the *Festival of Lights and Carols* at Old Town Hall and Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive. Activities include a Winter Wonderland and the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree in Old Town Square. Youngsters up to age 10 can enjoy lunch with Santa Claus at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. December 5 in Old Town Hall. Tickets cost \$6 per child and go on sale November 2 at the Parks and Recreation Department offices in City Hall, Sherwood Center and Green Acres Center.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy for an alternate member)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé(if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.

Volunteer!



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Take a tour of the historic Fairfax County Courthouse and learn about the region through a series of talks given in the original courtroom.

Daily: 2 pm through October 22
Archived online: "special programming"
Available on city's YouTube channel

Enjoy highlights from the 2015 City of Fairfax Fall Festival.

Daily: 2 pm beginning October 23
Archived online: "special programming"
Available on city's YouTube channel


School Board


 Monday, October 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:


Tuesday, October 6, 10 am
Thursday, October 8, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, October 19, 10 am, 7 pm
Tuesday, October 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, October 22, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 6


City Council

 Tuesday, October 6, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Wednesday, October 7, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, October 9, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, October 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, October 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 7


 Tuesday, October 13, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Wednesday, October 14, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, October 16, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, October 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, October 18, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 14


 Tuesday, October 27, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Wednesday, October 28, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, October 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, October 31, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, November 1, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 28

 Thursday, October 29, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Monday, November 2, 10 am
Tuesday, November 3, 10 am
Wednesday, November 4, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, November 6, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, November 7, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, November 8, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 30

Planning Commission

 Monday, October 12, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Tuesday, October 13, 10 am
Thursday, October 15, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online October 13

 Monday, October 26, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Tuesday, October 27, 10 am
Thursday, October 29, 10 am
Archived online October 27

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

October 5 regular meeting

- Student representative report.
- Presentation of the Virginia School Board Association certificates.
- Update of the governor's fiscal year 2015-16 budget.
- Presentation and public hearing on the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

October 19 work session

- Presentations: of membership report; of student achievement update.

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

October 6 work session

- Discussion with Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority regarding potential park project.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan.
- Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.
- Discussion of the city security of data.

- Discussion regarding the wastewater lateral program.
- Discussion regarding potential Land use redevelopment at the Breezeway Motel, 10829 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Discussion of health care coverage for Mayor, City Council and School Board.

October 13 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a request for a special use permit renewal for delivery services and a special exception for access from a local street at Domino's Pizza, 10829 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Public hearing on a request for a special exception for signage at AT&T, 10555 Main Street.
- Public hearing on a request for a special use permit renewal for child care facilities at Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main Street.
- Public hearing on a solid waste management plan.
- Public hearing on an ordinance amending the park rules and regulations.

October 27 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a request for a special

- use permit and special exception for a storage facility at EZ Storage, 3180 Draper Drive.
- Public hearing on a request for a special exception for a fence in required front yard at Northern Virginia Auto Body, 3160 Roanoke Street.
- Public hearing on a request for renewal of a special use permit to allow an in-home day-care at Busy Bee Child Care, 10917 Marilta Court.

October 29 work session

- Discussion of potential land use redevelopment at 3575 Chain Bridge Road (Fuddrucker's site).
- Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.
- Discussion regarding the Wastewater Lateral Program.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

October 12 work session

- Review and discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.

October 26 regular meetings

- No agenda items have been set.



City Council Reporter

September 8, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a modification to an awarded contract to Superior Paving Corp. in an amount of approximately \$781,100 for milling, paving and striping services for the primary extension paving projects; Consideration of a modification to an awarded contract to A&M Concrete in an amount of \$213,900 for concrete services for the primary extension paving projects; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the fiscal year 2015-16 agreements between the city and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Consideration of appointment of Lieutenant Bryan Lynch as fire inspector/investigator; Consideration of a resolution authorizing actions to accept Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security grant funds in the amount of \$97,273 for flammable liquids training, advanced life support training, and an air compressor; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$200,000 for transportation planning and engineering tasks; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14 pertaining to home child care facility standards.
- Approved, 5-1, to introduce a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,556,385 for the transfer of NVTa 30 percent monies from the transportation tax fund to the

capital fund to fund construction of the Kamp Washington intersection improvements project and further move to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for September 29, 2015. (*Opposed: Councilmember Loftus.*)

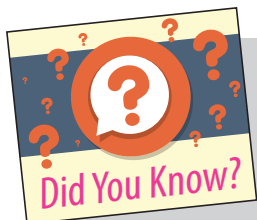
- Approved, 4-2, to introduce an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to the salaries for the Mayor and the members of the City Council and further move to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for September 29, 2015. (*Opposed: Councilmembers Loftus and Schmidt.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, resolution amending of the City of Fairfax Comprehensive Plan to classify as mixed-use on the future land use map the property identified at 9431-9495 Silver King Court, comprising about 9.12 acres.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance to approve the application of IDI-RJL Development, LLC, for a Proffer Plan/General Development Plan Amendment; subject to the General Development Plan revised September 1, 2015 and further revised on September 8, 2015, and proffers revised September 1, 2015, at 9431 to 9495 Silver King Court, inclusive, with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, the request of IDI-RJL Development, LLC, for variances to the subdivision ordinance to allow private accessways to be less than 30 feet in width, and to allow private ac-

cessways without sidewalks on both sides, at 9431-9495 Silver King Court, inclusive, subject to conditions.

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to approve with conditions the special exception requests of IDI-RJL Development, LLC, to: increase the maximum building height to more than five stories or 60 feet; increase the maximum density to more than four dwelling units per acre and allow less than 1,000 square feet of office space per residential unit for the entirety of the commercial planned development; allow residential parking to be located on a separate parcel from the principal use; and allow parking adjacent to a property line without the required landscape buffer at 9431-9495 Silver King Court, inclusive with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan stating that areas designated as mixed use are similar to designated growth areas and meet the intent of the Code of Virginia.
- Approved, unanimously, the Planning Commission findings and recommendations regarding blighted conditions on property located at 4261 Berritt Street, and consideration of the city's plan to abate the blight as follows: remove aboveground pool equipment, drain pool and remove pool liner, remove fencing to allow equipment access to pool area, demolish concrete pool surround and coping to below grade, fill entire pool area to create a level area, place seed and straw over bare soil.



Commission for Women Offers Information, Resources For Those Experiencing Domestic Abuse

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence can be emotional, physical or verbal and may include threats, violence or access to financial resources to exert control over a family member or intimate partner.

A staggering 25 percent of women and

12 percent of men will become victims of domestic violence.

Help is available at the 24-hour hotline providing assistance and emergency shelter: 703-360-7273.

The Domestic Violence Action Center provides a safe environment for victims to explore options and access services — all for free. Services include crisis interven-

tion, emotional support, criminal/civil justice systems (including protective orders), advocacy, safety planning, court accompaniment, criminal injuries compensation and community-based resources. Information: 703-246-4573.

Find more information on the Commission for Women website: www.fairfaxva.gov/cfw. Information: 703-385-7894.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703-585-7855
City News and Events 703-273-1776
Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
George Mason University Events 703-993-1000
 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000



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Fall for the Book Festival
City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Fall for the Book Festival
Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Fall for the Book Festival
Farmers' Market
Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
Virginia Opera: Orpheus in the Underworld, 2 pm, Center for the Arts

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Personal property taxes due
Offices of Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer open until 7 pm
Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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DMV Select services end at 2 pm in City Hall
Board of Zoning Appeals work session, 2 pm, City Hall Annex
City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Green Acres Center
Community & Senior Center Discussion Forum, 7 pm, Green Acres Center
Mason and Community Forum — CANCELLED

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Community & Senior Center Discussion Forum, 1 pm, Sherwood Center
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
Fairfax Art League reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
Eric Felten Jazz Quartet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Fall Festival, 10 am to 5 pm, Old Town Fairfax (amusement rides open until 8 pm in SunTrust Bank parking lot, 4020 University Drive)

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
Second Sunday: The Founding of Washington, D.C., 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

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Columbus Day — city government offices open and services provided as usual; General District Court closed
Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center
Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

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George Mason University Alumni Weekend
Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall
City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, The Greene Turtle

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George Mason University Alumni Weekend and Family Weekend
Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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George Mason University Alumni Weekend and Family Weekend
Farmers' Market
Kids Safety Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, City of Fairfax Police Station
Swing Dance, 8 pm, Sherwood Center

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George Mason University Alumni Weekend and Family Weekend
Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue

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Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
Evening Under the Stars, 6:30 pm, GMU Observatory
School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Commission on the Arts, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Zoning Rewrite Community Meeting, 7 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School
Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Rock the Block: The Rockets, 6-9 pm, Old Town Square
Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3
Sherwood Cinema Series: The Boxtrots, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
Chuck Seipp and Randall Sheets, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
Desertion in the Civil War, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
City of Fairfax Band: America Dances!, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
Virginia Opera: Trickster Trilogy, 2:30 pm, Sherwood Center

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
Witch Watch, 1-4 pm, George Mason University Student Union Building I
Halloween — trick-or-treating, 5-8 pm



Cityscene

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City Happenings

Arts Grant Application Accepted Through October 5

Local arts organizations may apply for the city's Commission on the Arts annual grants for a myriad of artistic endeavors including education, creating art and new arts organizations in the city. Applications are due by 5 p.m. October 5. Information: fairfaxarts@fairfaxva.gov, 703-352-ARTS.

Bonita Lestina Performance Series Begins October 9

Enjoy music in Old Town Hall with the Bonita Lestina Performance Series, which is held October through April in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Enjoy *The Eric Felten Jazz Quartet* at 8 p.m. October 9 and *Chuck Seipp and Randall Sheets* at 8 p.m. October 23. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

D.C., Desertion are Topics for History Talks in October

Find out about *The Founding of Washington, D.C.* at 2 p.m. October 11 at the Fairfax

Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Learn about *Desertion in the Civil War* at 2 p.m. October 24 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Virginia Opera Presents *The Trickster Trilogy* October 21, 25

Virginia Opera has enriched its partnership with City of Fairfax Schools with performances of *The Trickster Trilogy*. An interactive performance at Providence Elementary School October 21 will tell the tale of three "tricksters" from around the world.

Virginia Opera also will offer a free performance for all ages of *The Trickster Trilogy* at 2:30 p.m. October 25 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

Boxtrolls on Tap October 23; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *The Boxtrolls* for free October 23

at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m., and participants may bring their own snacks. Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food donations; call 703-385-7858 for guidelines.

America Dances! with City Band October 24

Join the City of Fairfax Band as *America Dances!* featuring the music of Robert Russell Bennett and Ira Hearshen at 7:30 p.m. October 24 at Fairfax High School.

Cost is \$10 for seniors age 60 and older and \$15 per adult age 19-59. Concert-goers age 18 and younger may attend for free. Information: www.fairfaxband.org, 571-336-CFBA.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Offered on Saturdays

Take a free tour of one of the city's oldest residences: the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street. Tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance on other days. Information: 703-385-8414.